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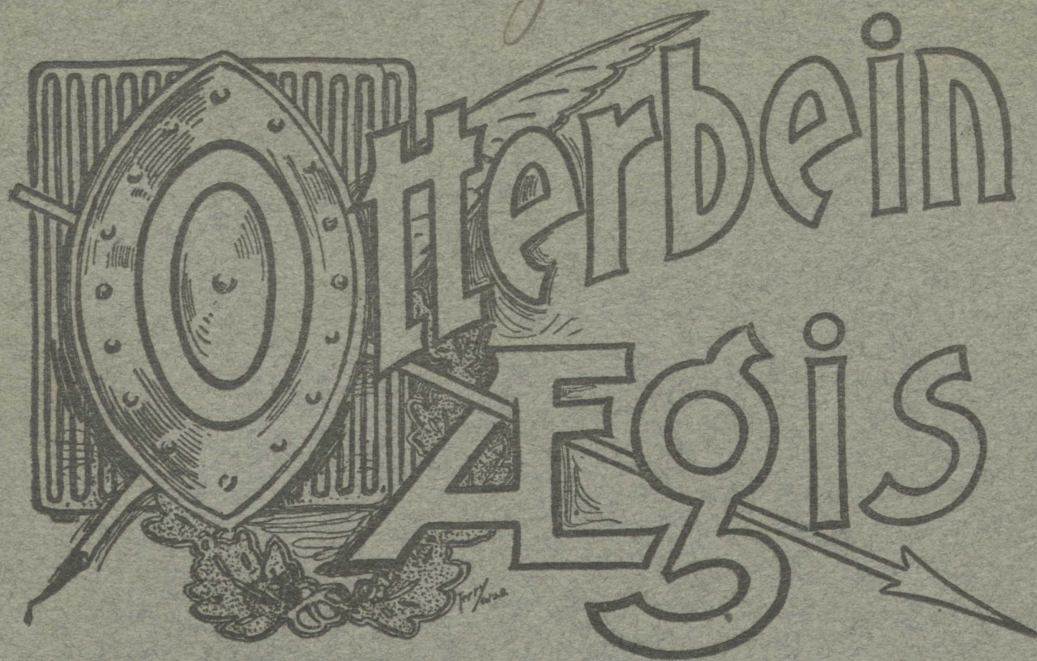
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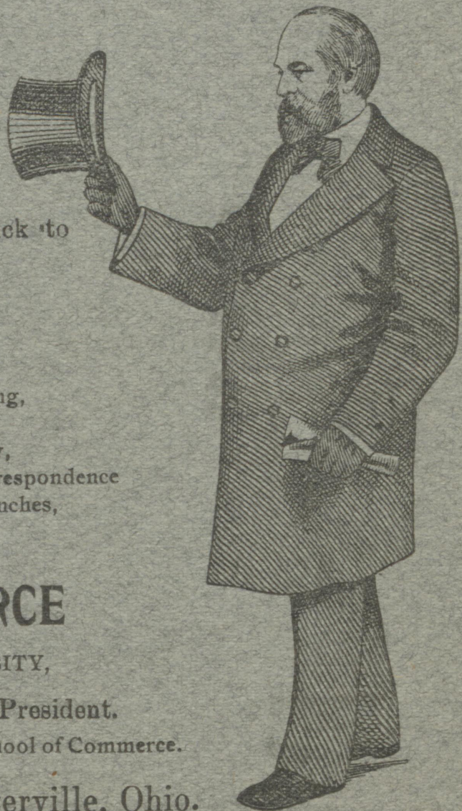
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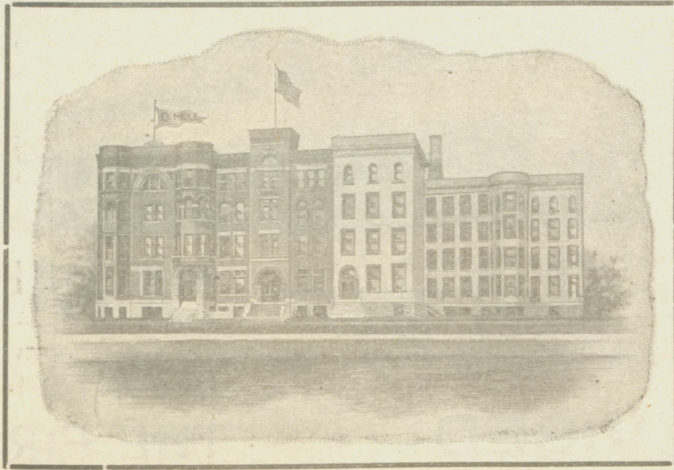
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## *My Favorite Composer*

MISS GRACE RESSLER, '06.

THE best music can be appreciated only after the student has learned something about the life, disposition and purpose of the composer. A composer is truly great, when after his death his work and influence live on to mold the lives and tastes of the succeeding generations; his inspirations do not die with him. Such a man, one of the greatest musicians and composers of his day whose influence is still moving us to a purer life and the most earnest endeavor, was Mozart.

Nolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg in 1756. His father was a well educated man and an industrious composer. He published a book on the violin which was used as an instruction book throughout Europe for many years. Nolfgang's

mother was a handsome, good natured and affectionate woman. He no doubt inherited his affable disposition from his mother and his extraordinary genius from his father. His only sister, Maria Ann, or Nannerl as she was called showed a great talent for music and it was while her father was giving her instructions that Nolfgang displayed his wonderful genius at the age of three years. He took great delight in picking out simple chords on the clavire. His father began to give him systematic instruction at the age of four and he was able to master minuets and other compositions in a half hour. When he was three years old he composed a minuet of amazing simplicity and perfection and at the age of five wrote numerous difficult compositions which



he could play with absolute correctness. When he was six years old and his sister not quite ten, the father took them on a three weeks' concert tour to Munich where they were so successful that he decided to take them that same year to Vienna. Here the little wonder astonished the court by his extraordinary talents. It was at this time that he formed a friendship with Marie Antoinette, later to become Queen of France. One day in their play he fell to the floor and Marie helped him to his feet, while his sister made no effort to assist him. This act of kindness caused him to say in his cute way that he would like to marry her because she was so good to him. During his stay at Vienna a violin was given him as a present and he soon astonished his father by his performance on it. The triumph in Vienna was so great that the father decided to take the children on a more extended trip to Paris and London. Everywhere the children were received with the greatest enthusiasm. The father wrote home from London "We have swords, laces, mantillas, snuff boxes, gold cases, sufficient to furnish a shop; but as for money, it is a scarce article, and I am positively poor."

The court ladies fell in love with the charming boy, yet he was not spoiled by their flattery and attention. He was a boy in the fullest sense of the word. After displaying his brilliant talents in music he would stride a cane and play horse, turn somersaults in his best clothes of velvet and laces, and indeed romp like any boy of six or seven years.

Many incidents might be told of the early life of this genius. He was richly endowed and the stories of his musical talents and wonderful precocity would be almost incredible were it not that they rest on the best authority.

After this extended journey through France and England the father continued the boy's instruction. He took him to Italy, the home of musicians at that time. Here he had unlimited success and proved his complete knowledge of musical composition. When he returned from Italy he was fifteen years old. His father's position demanded his stay at home so his next trip was taken with his mother. The city of Mannheim was included in this tour and it was here that he met the lady who was later to become his wife. He and his mother lived in Paris for a year but he hated the French. His conservative nature rebelled against the frivolity and thin gloss of French society.

His stay in France was interrupted by the death of his mother and he returned to Germany in 1779. At this time begins his period as a classical composer. He began by cultivating a pure German operatic school.

So far his career had been bright and full of sunshine, but the remainder of his life was a great struggle with poverty. He earned a considerable amount of money, but he was careless, extravagant and generous to a fault. He had many aristocratic friends who gave him valuable presents when the money would have been so much more appreciated. Many times he was carried on the shoulders of his enthusiastic audi-



ences to the hotel when their appreciation would have been shown better had they given him the wherewithal to purchase a meal.

Through the patronage of the emperor, the opera, "The Escape from the Leraghs" was written and most successfully produced in 1782. Later he was married to Constance Weber who proved a devoted and affectionate wife through all their poverty. She had poor health and much of Mozart's earnings were spent for doctor bills.

The personality of Mozart was charming. He had an instinct for the beautiful and joyous, a sensitive and sympathetic nature and cheerful disposition. He was amiable, generous and showed a warm appreciation of all that was noble in music or mankind. He was of small stature, thin and pale with a large head and nose. He had beautiful hair and clothed himself elegantly. His mischievous nature is shown by his delight in playing jokes upon his friends. He showed ability in arithmetic, a remarkable talent for languages, being familiar with French, Italian and English. He could read Latin, draw with no slight skill and was a delightful letter-writer.

Mozart had a keen sense of right and wrong. When he was in the service of the Emperor who had proved a friend to him when he most needed one, the King of Prussia, Frederick Wilhelm offered him a position with a salary of almost \$3000 which was about four times the salary he was receiving, but he refused it saying, "Shall I refuse my good Emperor?" When his friend, the Emperor died, Mozart lost his position, through the intrigues of his enemies. On account

of his wife's renewed illness he was badly in need of money and the thought that the one whom he so passionately loved had to go without the needed medicines almost broke his heart. The playful tenderness which he bestowed upon his wife is shown by the following note which he placed on his wife's forehead one morning when he went out for a walk, leaving her sleeping. "Good morning, dear little wife; I hope you have had a good sleep and pleasant dreams. I shall be back in two hours. Behave yourself like a good little girl, and don't run away from your husband." An example of one of Mozart's merry remarks in speaking of his infant child is as follows: "That child will be a true Mozart, for he always cries in the same key in which I am playing."

Mozart was a true genius in the fullest sense of that word. His melody was new, genuine and rich. Before Mozart's time, instrumental music was simply an amusement but he gave permanent form to it and to-day as some one has said, "we parse a symphonic phrase according to Mozartian grammatical rule." He left in "Don Giovanni" a perfected form of drama, that is, after one hundred years of imitation and detraction, the purest, most abiding work known to the operatic stage.

In childhood Mozart had more than his share of diseases. His father's strictness in the matter of practicing did not aid in making a good physical foundation for his work. The irregular life, privations, worries with rivals, struggles with intriguing competitors, consuming anxieties over

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## EDITORIAL

Easter is just past. Its importance and significance need not be discussed with college men and women. It is needless to say that our civilization, which includes the opportunities in education which we enjoy, is founded upon the principles of the life-plan laid down by the Lowly Nazerene. It is needless to say that the hope that we have of immortality is made more secure because of Easter and all that it means.

Alexander Dowie is having his troubles. Every one does that assumes

great titles and makes great assertions of power without visible evidence.

Peculiar as it may seem Dowie has prospered so far. But times and seasons change. "You can fool some of the people all of the time, but not all the people all the time." Elijah II realizes this just at present.

The wholesale abuse of the United States Senate is becoming obnoxious. If such polution and corruption exists as has been set forth, there are enough laws to unseat every member. But the fact that none of the Senators have been expelled as yet, seems to be proof that some people are going a great deal on supposition, and supposition is not even circumstantial evidence before the law.

This leads us to notice the fact that we have freedom of the press, but not to the degree of libel. Public sentiment demands that "fair play" be given to all. The Senate has a constitutional right to exist and to proceed with its legislation as it shall choose. If it can be proven that corruption exists, let it be proven. By so doing a much more good will be accomplished than ever can be by continually hinting that something is wrong.

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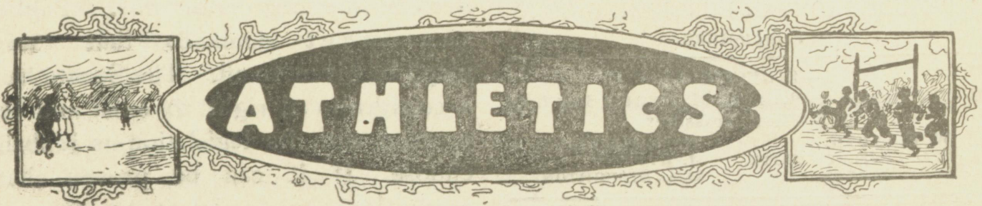
### My Favorite Composer

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money matters, and a lack of necessities for an invalid wife rapidly broke down his constitution, so that it is not strange that his life, though so full of brilliant promise, should have ended so abruptly. At the age of thirty-five years a fatal sickness came upon him. During his sickness he would work at his composition until he would swoon away. An unknown

man had come to him asking him to write a requiem. He would not give his name but Mozart consented to do it, thinking that possibly he was a visitor from the other world asking him to write his own requiem.

Mozart died while working at this composition. The world of music was resounding with the fame of his latest opera but his invalid wife, half maddened by grief could not secure money enough to give her husband a respectable burial. The day of the funeral was a very inclement one, and the wife was not able to go to the burying ground. He was buried the uppermost of three in a pauper's grave and no one knows the resting place of the body of this illustrious German composer.



F. W. McDONALD, '06, *Editor*

With the school year two-thirds gone we are beginning already to count the results of our efforts. As the college year draws to a close, so also does the Athletic year. Football has been on the shelf for more than a term, and basketball is now past history. Once more the athletic field is teeming with new life in the shape of men working for places on the "Varsity" baseball and track teams. There have been more candidates for both teams this spring than ever before, or at least in recent years. At the beginning of the spring term there were

enough baseball men out for more than three teams. Since the season has started that number has been reduced to about twenty two. This leaves enough for a strong second team after the Varsity has been recruited.

Captain Ayer of the track team has the same number (twenty-two) working for places on the program when the first meet is pulled off. This meet will in all probability, be held sometime this month with Capital University, and will be held here in Westerville. Mr. Myers, the manager of the track team, has arranged for two other



intercollegiate meets, both of which will take place in Westerville. This will be a great advantage to Otterbein since the majority of the men are new material and should do better on their home track than on one away from home. Mr. Myers is to be commended for this foresight and the students should show their appreciation, and loyalty as well, by supporting every one of them financially, as they have all previous athletic contests this year.

The whole schedule of meets is as follows: Capital vs. Otterbein at Westerville April 25. Denison vs. Otterbein at Westerville May 19. Wittenberg vs. Otterbein at Westerville June 3. Annual Field meet at Westerville Monday June 11.

In regard to the financial standing of the general association it can be safely said that with just ordinary good seasons in baseball and track team we should come out square with the world and probably have a small balance in the treasury after everything is settled. This will be doing exceedingly well considering the fact that all teams have been equipped with new material this year in the way of uniforms.

Of course it has always been the custom to furnish suits for football and baseball men; and a good amount of new material has been purchased every year for football, while new uniforms came to the baseball teams about once in five years. But never until this year have the basketball and track teams been furnished with wearing apparel by the association. Now, no team representing Otterbein will leave home without uniform suits.

All the members of the Athletic Board are taking a great deal of interest in the work of the Association. Meet-

ings are held regularly every Thursday night and the attendance at nearly every meeting so far has been complete. Every member of the board is striving to have things done as economically as possible and with the hearty support of every manager, they have succeeded.

## Baseball

The baseball season has already opened. Since April 1st the fellows have been at work when the weather permitted. But the weather has not been very propitious for baseball so far this year. For that reason we have played games with very little practice. On Saturday, April 7, we met Kenyon at Gambier without having been lined up before the game. For this reason the team work was very ragged at times and errors were made in the third inning which proved very costly to us.

Four men netted six hits for Otterbein to Kenyon's four; but our hits were scattered and so, not being able to bunch them we could not score. With the exception of the third inning Otterbein outplayed Kenyon, not only at bat, but in fielding and running bases as well. The lineup in this game presented five new names which did not appear at all last season, this being their first year here. They all showed up well and seemingly are making the team stronger than last year.

One thing more which the Kenyon game showed us, was that we have a good trio of pitchers, Funk, Grabill, and Smith, each of whom pitched three innings of the game give promise of being able to hold their own



against the best of college pitchers to be met here in Ohio. The final score of the Kenyon game was Kenyon 4, Otterbein 0.

O. W. U. 6, OTTERBEIN 2.

One week after our defeat at Kenyon we met the hardest proposition of the season, as far as pitchers go, in the person of Webb, Ohio Wesleyan's "crack slabman." He was not content with sending the boys home defeated but left the field with ten scalps on his strikeout string. In fact he was well nigh invincible, for Strahl

with his usual two hits to which add one hit more by Titus, who took left field in the sixth inning, make up the total number of times Webb allowed Otterbein to get an insight into his curves long enough to hit them safe.

The errors, through several innings, but more especially in the first, gave Delaware four of her six runs. All of the errors were excusable, with one exception, owing to the bad condition of the grounds and the hard wind which was blowing almost incessantly. Counting the earned runs the score would be 2 to 2.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

By W. E. SCHEAR, '07.

The third term opened at nine o'clock, Tuesday morning, March 27. We are sorry that so many of the students who were with us during the last term, were compelled, by depressing financial conditions, to give up their college work for the present and turn their attention to the replenishing of their bank accounts. Some, who were students in the conservatory, expect to teach music during the summer and then return again next fall. Others will give their attention to agency work during the spring and then return for the summer term. Nearly all, we are glad to say, expect to return sometime or other and continue their studies in the University or Conservatory. Quite a number of new ones, however, have come in this term, so that after all there is very little

change in the student body so far as numbers are concerned.

The spring term is by far the most enjoyable one of the whole year. The cold winter days are over and the streams are swollen by frequent rains. The birds have returned from their southern homes and are building their nests in bushes and trees, while all the air is filled with the music of their songs. The approaching sun bears new hope and new inspiration on its gentle rays and scatters to the breezes the sweet perfumes of the growing flowers. The trees are pushing forth their buds, and all nature is abounding in new life. Surely amid such conditions there is little excuse for any students getting that old uncomely malady—which, for the want of a better name, has been called "spring fever."



Dr. George E. Vincent, Ph. D., of Chicago, has been secured by the class of 1906, to deliver the commencement day address. Dr. Vincent is Dean of the Junior Colleges in the Chicago University, and Associate Professor of Sociology. He is widely known as a public speaker and lecturer, and we think that the senior class is to be congratulated for having secured the services of such an eminent man.

S. L. Postlethwait, who has been engaged in agency work at Cambridge, O., returned home Thursday, April 12. Being president of the Y. M. C. A. it was hoped that he would get here in time to lead the Thursday evening meeting, but this pleasure was denied him. He arrived, however, in time for the Bible Study social, which was given at eight o'clock. He attended the presidents' conference at Delaware, and returned to his work early this week.

Sometimes we hear it said that men upon whom nature has lavished a goodly supply of that which is mortal, have somewhat of a handicap over those with whom she has dealt more sparingly. It is a fact that a man with a large, well-proportioned body does have some advantage, sometimes, over the little men around him. Nevertheless the little fellows do occasionally find themselves several degrees to the good by virtue of their size. One such an instance was brought to our notice recently when someone called at the door of Prof. Rosselot's room for Mr. H. C. Baird. The Prof. responded to a call and stated that the young

man was not there, that he was "cutting class." Mr. Baird, however, was not absent, but being of the pigmean type was overlooked, until, as the Prof. returned to the room again he accidentally saw him. Of course the lad was immediately excused to meet our friend in the hall. Baird says that he will get on the back row again. We suggest that the Prof. would better bring his pigmies out to the front.

Two young students of Chemistry met on the campus recently, and the following conversation took place:

Jay: "Jim, is man a chemical compound?"

Jim: "Most assuredly."

Jay: "What is the test for a gentleman?"

Jim: "A green spectrum."

"Miss Barnett," said Dr. Sanders in the Theistic Belief class, "the author in this chapter discusses 'the spirit of loneliness;' is it real or only fanciful?"

Miss B.: "I believe it is real."

Mr. Earl Leshner, of Pitcairn, Pa., who was in school last year, was married, Wednesday, April 4, to Miss Laura Mehaffey, of Highland county, O. Their many friends wish them a long and happy journey over the rugged thoroughfares of life.

The Otterbein Musical Association which has been in a quiescent state since February 1903, was recently revived again. At a meeting last Wednesday, April 11, a new constitution was adopted and the following officers elected: President, Miss Maude Hanawalt; vice president, W. E. Schear; secretary, Miss Blanche



Yager; treasurer, Miss Grace Mumma. The association will meet once a week, at nine o'clock, Wednesday, morning, and every music student in school should become a member. The programs, which will consist of instrumental and vocal music and literary productions on musical subjects, will not only be very interesting but also very instructive and beneficial to every student in this department. Dr. Meyer is responsible for the revival of this association and he is certainly to be congratulated for it.

The Otterbein Choral Society had their first rehearsal of the term, Tuesday evening, April 4. The attendance was and good they immediately began work on "The Holy City." This is a very beautiful cantata and will probably be given sometime during commencement week. The date, however, will be announced later. The choral society is quite an important factor in the life of the University, and it is certainly to be hoped that all students and friends of the institution will give it their hearty support.

Mr. Joseph F. G. Wilberforce, who is known to the majority of the Otterbein students, was recently united in marriage with Miss Constance W. Henderson, of Dayton. Very soon they will sail for Africa and take up missionary work in Mr. Wilberforce's native country. Being not only well educated but also very proficient in music, he will certainly have great influence in the work among his native people.

The Prudential committee had a

meeting here Thursday, April 12, at which time the contract was drawn up for the erection of a central heating plant. The plant will cost more than twenty thousand dollars. This will be one of the greatest improvements that Otterbein has enjoyed for a great many years. All the buildings belonging to the University will be supplied with hot water heat, the distribution of which will be effected by the vacum process. This is said to be the very best method of heating that is known, both as to healthfulness and convenience, and it is greatly to be prized by the Otterbein people. The contract was given to Mr. U. D. Seltzer, of Washington, D. C., the representative of the the Evans Almirall Co., and the work will be begun as soon as possible. Mr. Seltzer is a prominent member of the U. B. church in Washington and is a good friend of President Bookwalter, as well as of other Otterbein people and consequently will take an interest in the work that a stranger could not be expected to manifest.

For many years Otterbein has been particularly noted for her most beautiful campus, especially in the spring of the year. When the grass begins to grow and the trees leaf out, it is one of the most delightful spots to be found anywhere. The students certainly have just reason for being proud of it. But, as students it devolves upon us, in a great measure, to see that its beauty is not marred. It makes no difference how hard the college authorities work to get it in good condition, or how hard the janitor works to keep it up, if the students insist on making paths where



they should not be made, and digging holes where they should not be dug, the beauty of the lawn will soon be destroyed. It is rumored that there will be some improvement made in regard to the walks, in the near future; and surely such a measure would be hailed with delight by all connected with the institution. But whether this is done or not, it is certainly to be hoped that the students will do their part toward keeping up the present beauty of our campus.

We are sorry to announce the death of Mrs. G. A. Lambert. Mrs. Lambert was the mother of our schoolmate Miss Mary. All of Miss Lambert's friends desire to express their sympathy.

The church choir gave a very credible rendition of an Easter Cantata entitled "The Conquering King" on Easter evening. A large audience was in attendance.

The Seniors are really going to have class day.

We think we understand why Shively and Crecelius visited Westerville, but do not know why "Bennie" came along unless to redeem himself for the joke that he played on the Seminary boys at Nashville, Tenn. Ask him of the soothing influence to tired people of being immersed in tepid water.

One of the most unique socials of the year was given by the Otterbein girls, in the Association building, Saturday evening, April 14. The basketball girls being in need of some money it was decided to give a co-ed social in their behalf. The girls invited their points, prepared

boxes, paid the admission fee, while the boys were expected to enjoy the evening. The first thing on the program was the "grand march," which afforded opportunity for those who had not met before to become acquainted. This was followed by a hunt for Easter eggs which were hidden in every nook and corner in the parlors and gymnasium. A prize was given to the person who secured the most. J. B. Mower being the successful one received a fine large Easter egg. This, was followed by various other amusements and games, among which was "Jacob and Ruth," a game which so worked on the feelings of young McFarren that amid a great outburst of scalding tears he cried from the depths of his broken heart, "Ruth, where art thou?" After the games were over the girls, being blindfolded, sought out their "points" and went to supper. This of course was the best part of the whole affair, but we will not undertake to tell how well it was enjoyed by the hungry boys. So after a few yells were weakly given the happy students went quietly home.

C. W. Snyder, '03, delivered the annual address of the Woman's Missionary Society of Southeast Ohio Conference, held in Grace U. B. church at Columbus, April 18 and 19.

Mr. W. H. Fouse, '93, principal of the Lincoln high school at Gallipolis, visited friends here two weeks ago. Mr. Fouse has been a very successful teacher and is reaping the pleasure of the useful life he leads for his people as a reward for the heavy price he paid for his college education.





# ASSOCIATION NOTES

F. A. RISLEY, '08, *Editor*

## Y. M. C. A.

March 15. Mr. Budd, State Secretary of Y. M. C. A., gave us a most helpful and interesting address which enlarged our vision of the work, and the need for the work of the city and college Y. M. C. A.

March 29. Subject: "Duty and Relations" Leader, F. A. Risley. The men took active part and expressed a determination to live a more devoted life. Of course when all take part it is a good meeting because every man grows in proportion to his exertion.

April 5 Subject; "Burden of Leadership." Dr. T. J. Sanders led the devotion after which B. J. Woodmansee, State College Y. M. C. A. Secretary, gave us an uplifting talk and installed the newly elected officers.

April 12. Subject: "The Christ Life." Leader, E. A. Lawrence. The leader emphasized the fact that the work of the leader was just to open the subject and then let the members develop it. Everybody was ready to speak.

Mr. B. J. Woodmansee's few days stay at Otterbein was thoroughly appreciated by every man in the association and especially by every committeeman and those who had private interviews with him. He gave valuable assistance in suggesting and shaping policies for the coming year's work.

Thursday evening, April 12, the Bible Study boys gave the Bible Study girls of Y. W. C. A. a reception. This was the most novel and the most enjoyed reception of the year. Its nature was in accord with the approaching Easter. At eight the company assembled and after an informal greeting in the Association Parlors which were decorated with red, white and blue bunting, they retired to the gymnasium. Everybody secured an egg. The boys occupied one side of the gymnasium; the girls the other. After writing their names upon their eggs the boys placed them in a row in the center of the floor. The girls proceeded to roll their eggs to hit one of the boy's eggs and thus secure partners for refreshments. Two novel egg races took place after which refreshments were served. Just before adjournment the following program was rendered:

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Solo .....	Miss Yager
Reading .....	E. C. Worman

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## Y. W. C. A.

On March 20 Miss Radford, who has

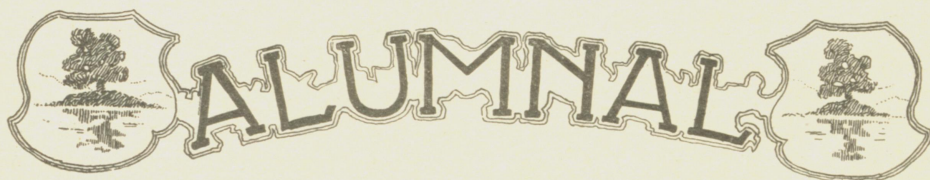


been engaged for several years in Y. W. C. A. work in India, gave a very interesting address. Notwithstanding the fact that she came in the midst of the final tests, there was a good audience. Miss Blanche Yager sang a solo which was appreciated by all.

The new cabinet met April 7. The prospects for the coming year are very encouraging.

A good interest in the devotional meetings has been manifested. On the first night of the term a consecration meeting was led by Miss Mabel Gardiner, the new president.

Miss Edith Hanawalt, the new chorister, is beginning her work well. Under her management the girls have enjoyed some appropriate special music at the devotional meetings.



E. E. BURTNER, *Editor*

W. B. Kinder, '95, who has been professor of mathematics in the Central High School, at Cleveland since 1901, recently visited his parents in Westerville.

F. O. Clements, '96, head chemist for the Union Pacific Railroad, visited for a few days Mrs. Clements' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Fouts, of this place.

W. C. May, '01, is president of the Y. M. C. A. in the U. B. Seminary at Dayton, this year.

B. F. Shively, '05, and B. F. Cunningham, '03, spent Sunday, April 15, in Westerville. We can understand why Cunningham comes to Westerville but for the life of us we cannot imagine why Shively comes. He said he came to see "Dad." Wonder if he could have meant "Dad" Trimmer?

To the home of B. O. Barnes, '00, and Marguerite Lambert Barnes, '03, there came a few weeks ago a little boy. Congratulations!

E. A. Sanders, '02, recently moved from Chillicothe where he was professor of chemistry in the High School, to the fruit farm owned by himself and A. W. Whetstone, '02, six miles east of that city.

C. O. Altman, '05, Superintendent of schools at Pandora, O., recently attended the Round Table of the Northwestern Ohio Teachers' Association, at Findlay, O.

W. C. Reichert, '99, of the firm Reichert Brothers, located at Seattle, Washington, dealers in pianos and organs, is doing a fine business. Not only is his company's business increasing rapidly but he has made some excellent real estate investments recently.

A few weeks ago there came into our hands The Steuben Republican, of Angola, Indiana. It was an issue devoted to the business men of the city. We were highly gratified to find a very complimentary article concerning the Callender Hardware Company, of



which R. A. Callender, '04, is the manager. Mr. Callender became manager of this firm only about eighteen months ago. Since then the business has grown immensely and according to the paper has won the "confidence of everybody." This is surely a splendid record. Mr. Callender was a genial, energetic, christian gentleman in college and we know that he has won the esteem of Angola simply because he carried these principles, and the high ideals formed here in college into his business. We congratulate him and wish for him a long life of such honorable distinction.

At Bryan, Ohio, a few weeks ago, Judge C. A. Bowersox, '74, at a recent meeting in the G. A. R. hall of that place, prefaced the rendition by some ladies of the famous song "Nellie Gray," with a brief but very interesting review of the life of the author, Ben R. Hanby, '58. The occasion only revealed the fact of how little is known of this great song writer.

The Biographical Directory of American Men of Science, edited by Professor Cattell, of Columbia University, is now completed. It gives the records of about four thousand men of science and is said by the editor to be tolerably complete for those who have done research work in North America. The following Otterbein graduates have honorable mention: Thomas Bonser, '99, head of the department of Biology in the high school at Spokane, Washington; J. A. Gilbert, '89, lecturer in the medical college in Portland, Oregon; B. E. Moore, '88, professor of Physics in Nebraska University, Lincoln, Nebraska; F. E. Miller, '87, professor of Mathematics in Otter-

bein University; E. V. Wilcox, '90, Entomology, Takoma Park, District of Columbia, and E. M. Wilcox, (student) Botany, Auburn, Alabama. There is a copy of the directory in the college library.

The alumna editor frequently hears words to the effect that "his department is the most important one in the paper." We are very glad to do our best to make it as interesting to the alumni as possible, but only those who have held this position know how difficult it is to gather the notices. Hence we have a request to make of all our readers. You alumni who know of something either about yourself or some other alumnus worthy of mention, please send us a statement of it. Do not wait for something great to happen. A change of residence, a promotion, a change of work or business will be of interest to somebody on the other side of the globe, perhaps. And now if any reader knows of something of interest which you think the person is too modest to speak of to us, tell it to us for him. In this way the department can be made very much more interesting.

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Owing to the fact that Mr. Black was declared ineligible for the football captaincy, Mr. Otto Bailey was elected. We wish him success.

They are actually still at work on the Dorm. The concrete foundation is complete and the walls are rising.

The Propagandists held their monthly meeting Friday evening last. No reports are obtainable.

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
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